

'LOST BATTALION' IN WITH 6,000 OF 77TH

Soldiers on America Kept Below Decks to Insure the Safety of Ship.

DO NOT WANT TO MARCH

Cruiser Pueblo Brings 117th Engineers—Minnesota Lands 11th Infantry.

The larger part of 6,000 men of the Seventy-seventh Division who got here yesterday by the transport America were unable to appreciate the greetings of welcome who went down the bay in four steamboats because they were ordered below decks by the naval commander so that there might be no danger of capsizing her through too heaviness and the rush of masses to the rails of the several upper decks. The men did not like this, but the ship's officers thought it was necessary, as the America is a seven storied vessel and a bit "tender." The order has been given before and for the same reason.

Most of the men of the Seventy-seventh Division by ballot took aboard yesterday that they did not care about parading. As the Statue of Liberty is the divisional ensign of the Seventy-seventh some of the men were not allowed to see it. It had lost some of its significance to them. But they may change their minds about this later, also about their desire to parade.

The "Lost Battalion" or Second of the 308th Infantry, Seventy-seventh Division, came back in command of Major George G. McMurry, 21 East Seventeenth street, second in command when the Germans cut off the battalion and surrounded it, and who has received the Congressional medal, Capt. William J. Cullen, lawyer, of 1187 Woodhurst avenue, The Bronx, in charge of Company H, retold the story of the "Lost Battalion." The losses were so heavy in the five days of continuous shelling and sniping after it went over the top that six companies of the 307th Infantry and two companies of the 308th Machine Gun Battalion were consolidated with the regiment of the Second to remake it, with a total of 690 men.

Men Killed Seeking Water.

The battalion moved forward on October 2, encountering heavy machine gun opposition. They wiped out some of the nests and got well into the German lines. Five attacks were made by the enemy in the six days of continuous shelling. In the intervals between attacks there was uninterrupted hand grenade and machine gun fire. The Germans had the range of the only water hole. Fifteen men were killed or wounded at it.

The 308th Infantry Band buried the dead of the battalion after the arrival of the rescue party. The band was led by Herman Schoenfeld of Patchogue, L. I., comes back with two band horns decorated with wound stripes and red crosses to show where they had been hit. All the original instruments of the band were smashed at Vesle in August. Among those the band put under earth was Capt. Eddie Grant of Company H, 307th Infantry, sent to rescue the lost ones. Three hundred were buried in the woods where they had fallen. Sergeant Frank W. Winkler of 3714 Third avenue said when he went into the woods with the troops he weighed 180 pounds and when he came out he weighed 155.

Before the America sailed from France Col. Maurice Laret decorated three men of the 308th with the Croix de Guerre. They are Major McMurry for gallantry with the "Lost Battalion," First Sergeant Benjamin Kaufman of Company K, who captured a German machine gun "wet single handed and took a prisoner although his right arm was shattered, and Private Jack Herschowitz of Company C, who carried messages to Whittier through heavy barrages.

Private Pon Lee, just tall enough to get into the army, formerly a waiter in a Chinese restaurant, Fulton street and winner of the Croix de Guerre, and Private Loreto Rodriguez, Mexican Indian, from Albuquerque, more than six feet tall, were fast friends on the trip and went about together so frequently that they became known as the "Long and the Short of It." Pon Lee is ambitious to get off his uniform swiftly and get back to Chinatown, and New Mexico is appealing strongly to Rodriguez.

Digs at Decoration Waits.

Lieut. Charles Ridgely of the 308th, 180 East Seventeenth street, who went across in September, received the D. S. C. at Soissons in July last and was cited for action in a raid in the Picardy section of the Argonne, when his detachment captured thirty-six prisoners and killed the rest of a German company. Capt. John Bradley Delahanty, personnel officer of the 308th, and his bride, who until April 5 was Miss Margaret Howland, ambulance driver and Red Cross nurse at the Mrs. E. H. Harriman Hospital, arrived by the America. They

Troopships Due To-day.

KROONLAND from St. Nazaire April 18, with the 11th Infantry, Field and Staff, Headquarters, Medical Detachments, Machine Gun Companies and Companies F, G, H, I, K and L, sixty-three officers and 1,888 men; 138th Infantry Machine Gun Company, eleven officers and 283 men; 100th Machine Gun Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment and Companies A to D inclusive, fifteen officers and 702 men; Twenty-eighth Military Police Company, three officers and 186 men, and St. Nazaire Convalescent Detachments of twenty-two officers and 467 men.

Agamemnon from Brest April 21, with the 304th Field Artillery complete, forty-eight officers and 1,492 men; 305th Field Artillery complete, forty-five officers and 1,545 men; 306th Field Artillery complete, forty-five officers and 1,678 men; 152d Field Artillery, Headquarters, three officers and fifty-one men; Seventy-seventh Division, Headquarters Detachment, fourteen officers; Brest Convalescent Detachments 207 to 211, inclusive, 643 men, and 116 casual officers.

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2 Corporals and 18 Privates in Latest Awards.

Two corporals and eighteen privates are named in a list of citations for valorous conduct by men of the division made public yesterday at headquarters of the Seventy-seventh Division by Major-Gen. Robert Alexander, commander of the division. They are:

Corporal Peter J. Kierman, 759 Melrose avenue, The Bronx, and Corporal Sol Catalano, 164 East Ninety-fourth street, and Privates (all first class) Herman Shuckman, 347 Beekman street; Samuel A. Altier, 1702 East 7th avenue, Brooklyn; Leo H. Downey, Chilli, N. Y.; George A. Clark, Phelps, N. Y.; Austin Tripp, St. Morris, N. J.; Paul Segal, 10 Montrose avenue, Brooklyn; George Henry Baeder, West Hartford, Conn.; Floyd C. Stram, Buffalo, N. Y.; Walter B. Gault, 8 Bree place, Brooklyn; John P. Egan, 584 Washington street; George Riekewitz, 119 West 114th street; Arthur Norwalk, 17 South Fourth street, Brooklyn; William 544 Fifty-fifth street, Brooklyn; Joseph P. Derringer, 465 West 164th street; Joseph P. Birmingham, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.; Charles B. Cooke, address not given; Michael Roach, North Lawrence, N. Y.; Frederick M. Meury, 458 Pulaski street, Brooklyn.

seems to be the hard earned title of Fifty-eighth Casual Artillery Regiment, which is here for demobilization and transfer. The climax of its run of ill fate was reached in stories which appeared in New York yesterday asserting that the regiment had seen no action and was inferior as a fighting organization.

The men and officers are highly indignant to-day and point to 250 wounded or gassed in their organization, casualties during three weeks hard fighting along the Meuse drive. On October 29 the Fifty-eighth went into position at Mont St. Jean and fought at various points along a sixteen mile front discharging during the period more than 4,000 shells. At Arnaville, a German railway station and two troop trains were blown up as a result of the New Yorkers' marksmanship. Their eight inch howitzers were often not more than a kilometer from the firing line and this proximity to infantry action won them the name "heavy dough boys."

One feature of their hard luck career was their delay of a month at Bordeaux to do heavy work there after they had been given to understand that they would parade in New York Christmas day. At Bordeaux the Fifty-eighth was picked as an escort for Marshal Petain.

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MINNESOTA BOYS WELCOMED.

Gov. Burnquist and Party Greet Soldiers Here.

Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist of Minnesota and a party of twenty-two citizens of the Gopher State are at the Hotel Pennsylvania in readiness to start West in the week with the 151st Field Artillery of the Rainbow Division when the men return home. The regiment is the only one from Minnesota to serve in France as a unit, although 88,000 men from that State were called to the colors.

Gov. Burnquist and his party reached New York on a special train Sunday morning and were surprised to learn that the artillerymen had arrived here Saturday, two days ahead of their scheduled departure to Camp Merritt and greeted the Minnesota boys Sunday afternoon. Gov. Burnquist and Adj. Gen. W. H. Hines went yesterday to the Hall of States, 27 West Twenty-fifth street, to arrange that Minnesota be represented there in caring for soldiers who have returned from overseas. Gov. Burnquist left for Washington last night for a short visit before returning home with the troops. A series of receptions have been arranged for the regiment in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Included in the Governor's party were L. C. Hodgson, Mayor of St. Paul; George Adams, editor of the Minneapolis Journal, and George E. Alerson of the Minneapolis Tribune.

8,384 ARRIVE FROM FRANCE.

Brig-Gen. Allen Among Units at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., April 28.—The transport Aetolus, bringing 8,384 officers and men, including Brig-Gen. Hubert A. Allen of Los Angeles, Cal., from St. Nazaire, France, docked here to-day.

Aboard the ship were 5 officers and 26 men of headquarters of the Fifty-sixth Infantry Brigade, 86 officers and 3,118 men of the 138th Infantry, 4 officers and 126 men of a medical detachment, and 56 sick and wounded.

The 138th Infantry is a part of the Thirty-fifth Division (Missouri and Kansas troops). Fifteen men in the unit have won Distinguished Service Crosses and twelve the French Croix de Guerre. Approximately 5,000 more officers and men arrived on the transport Nantamond, which brought eleven officers and

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THINNED IOWANS HOME.

Survivors of the 168th Infantry Welcomed Here.

Col. M. A. Tinley, commanding officer of the 168th Infantry, Forty-second (Rainbow) Division, wearing the Croix de Guerre with a star, and thirty-nine survivors of Company L, from Council Bluffs, Iowa, were the guests of a committee of their fellow townsmen at a luncheon at the Park Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon. The committee, of which Robert B. Wallace, organizer of Iowa's record breaking long drives, is chairman, has come to New York especially to welcome and entertain "the last of the first American troops over the Ourcq." A sightseeing tour over the spot at the Hippodrome completed the program for the day.

Company L saw service in some of the bloodiest engagements of the last eighteen months. After capturing Hill 212 and the town of Saargemines on July 20, during the Chateau Thierry fight, the company was practically annihilated on the memorable 28th of July. A magnificent welcome awaits these few who are left on their arrival home some time within the next week.

HEROES' JOBS FOR FIGHTERS.

Bureau Urges Dead Soldiers' Posts Be Filled by Comrades.

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MORE RAINBOWS GET HOME.

Artillery, Engineers and Machine Gun Men Reach Boston.

Boston, April 28.—The transport Pretoria arrived to-day from Brest with more than 2,100 officers and men, including Brig-Gen. William M. Fassett, commander of the First Army Corps, headquarters detachment, 143th, 150th and 151st Machine Gun Battalions, detachments of 149th and 151st Field Artillery regiments and a detachment of the 117th Engineers, all of the Twenty-second (Rainbow) Division; headquarters detachment and headquarters troops of the First Army Corps, and other smaller units and casuals.

Brig-Gen. Fassett, whose home is in New Hampshire, returned with a Distinguished Service Cross and also a Belgian War Cross, conferred by King Albert. Much of his service overseas was on the Flanders front with the Thirty-seventh Division made up of Ohio National Guard troops and known as "Baker's Own" in honor of the Secretary of War.

Major James H. Palmer of the 149th Machine Gun Battalion (Pennsylvania) was the troop commander of the transport. There were six sick men among the troops, all of whom were transferred to an army hospital. Among them were Ralph P. Faulkner of Snow Hill, Md.; George E. Pilot of East Orange, N. J.; Lauri Lepisto of Wakefield, Mich.; Charles B. Curtis of Barron, Wis., and Paul P. Bachellor of New York.

1,900 OF 77TH CANNOT PARADE.

President Grant's Delay Unfortunate for Some Veterans.

The delayed arrival of the President Grant until May 6, the day of the Seventy-seventh parade, will deprive about 1,900 men of several units from parading. "It cannot be helped," Major-Gen. Alexander, commander of the division, said yesterday at headquarters in the Hotel Biltmore, "for we simply cannot hold the parade another day, because the men are so anxious to get back to their civilian life."

The units are the Headquarters Troop, Military Police, 302d Ammunition Train, 302d Supply Train, 302d Sanitary Train and the 204th Machine Gun Battalion.

Gen. Alexander invites the wounded officers and men of the Seventy-seventh who have returned and have been discharged from the service to don their uniforms and parade with their division. All desiring to accept the invitation should get in touch with Col. Hugh McGee, Chief of Staff, Hall of Records, who will tell them when and where to assemble.

Leaves will be given to 50 per cent of the men at a time, and many of them for forty-eight hours.

Reduced Fare for War Veterans.

Denver, Col., April 28.—For the first convention of the world war veterans, to be held at St. Louis May 8, the United States Railroad Administration will make a rate of 2 cents a mile, with a minimum charge of \$2 for the round trip. Director-General Hines announced here to-day. Tickets at this reduced fare will be sold only to delegates who hold honorable discharge certificates from the army or navy.

WOODS TO WAR ON FAKERS IN UNIFORM

Asks Police to Arrest Peddlers and Panhandlers.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, April 28.—Col. Arthur Woods, former Police